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# Advisor/Middle Level Workshop Monday, January 22 <br> Meet Lori Kiblinger, Leadership Specialist 

Advisors, you are invited and encouraged to attend the Advisor's workshop which will be held at Brookland Baptist Church Convention Center (Hwy 378 in West Columbia) on Monday, January 22, 2018 from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm. Registration fee, which includes all materials, information sessions, networking, and a three-meat buffet lunch, is $\$ 50$ for member school advisors and $\$ 65$ for nonmember school advisors. This workshop is for any middle or high school advisor, new, as well as experienced. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Lori Kiblinger, assistant principal from Royster Middle
 School, Chanute, Kansas, give us insight and leadership ideas that she has worked with across the nation.

Middle level advisors: take note!! There will be a middle level workshop held at the same time and the same place. Each middle level school may send three student delegates to this event. Give your students a boost of leadership training and watch how they can improve your school student council with just one day of information and practice. Registration fee for the middle school students which includes leadership training, information, networking, and a buffet lunch is $\$ 40$ for member school and $\$ 55$ for nonmember school.

All current state and district officers are invited and encouraged to attend an officer meeting/training at the same time. Officers will not need to pay to attend this meeting.

## Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Registration is online as a google form. The link is https://goo.gl/forms/PTtejtkTPckauyli2
All registration fees will be sent to SCASC Executive Director, Bonita Guram. Make payment to SCASC and send checks to

Bonita Guram, SCASC Executive Director, 1 Hillstone Ct., Columbia, SC 29212

Payment may be made by credit card. There will be a $\$ 5$ fee for credit card use. Contact Bonita Guram at scascguram@gmail.com to set up a time to call with credit card payments. Confirmation will be sent by e-mail. Take a one day break from school. This workshop will get you energized for the rest of the school year!

## Another Advisor Training Opportunity:

The North Carolina Association of Student Councils will sponsor an overnight advisors workshop on January 26-27 at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, NC. The cost is $\$ 245$ for double and $\$ 295$ for single. Registration deadline is January 12. Visit www.ncasc.us for more information. Let Bonita know if you are interested in going.


On November 4th, 2017, District 1 kicked into action and traveled through the world of great leadership. We came together and learned the 3 P's of leadership from our general speaker, Joey Wade, got dressed in our T-Shirts, and went through some amazing workshops. I am so grateful to have such a great student council and advisor by my sides at all times to be able to host such an event. Lance did an amazing job getting the workshops ready and all in all being a great person to not only help with the District 1 Rally, but also to call my friend. The delegates that came brought the SCASC spirit, and I loved having the opportunity to talk to everyone and get them excited about Leadership. We all even got to know each other better with a good old- fashioned water balloon fight! I learned so much and am already excited to see everyone again. All in all, I thank everyone that made the District 1 Rally a success and traveled through the world of leadership with me. See y'all at State!
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# District 3 - Calhoun County High School 

Chair- Gabriel Bennett Vice Chair- Claire Ouzts Advisor - Krystal Thames Ride the Waves of Leadership


The District 3 rally was the first to hold a rally in the afternoon/evening. While not ideal, this experimental time proved to have success. The time change was necessary because Calhoun County High School did not have an available off day. The opening general session was impressive and energetic. We enjoyed performances from the Calhoun County High School cheerleaders and band. The students shared camp experiences and viewed the camp video. The students attended workshops, feasted on a delicious dinner, and participated in a student talent show. Students were able to network and gain information that helped them grow as leaders.

# DISTRICT 4 - Clover High School 

Sydney Frascht - Chair Hailey Zalewa- Vice Chair Rhonda Morris - Advisor

"D4 Shore to Shore: Taking Leadership Cross Country"


Planning D4 Rally, and seeing everyone enjoy what we had done was such an incredible opportunity. From the start of this process, the word I would use to describe everything is "amazing!" My amazing council worked so hard with me to plan out the activities,
 sessions, and decorations. My amazing vice-chair secured incredible workshops that I hope everyone loved. And, our amazing speaker did such a great job encouraging and inspiring everyone to be the best leaders they can be. Of course, the rally wouldn't have been complete without our amazing delegates. They brought such contagious enthusiasm and energy, that it made all the work going into this rally more than worth it. At the end of the day, my council and I had a great time planning the
 rally, and I am sure everyone in attendance had a great time as well. I can't wait to see what's in store for the future, and see D4 "Take Leader Cross Country!"

> --- Sydney Frascht

# DISTRICT 5 - Riverside High School <br> Dillon Young - Chair Sophie Povod- Vice Chair Heather Greene - Advisor 

## Make Leadership Great Again



The leaders of District 5 gathered together to discuss what it meant to "Make Leadership Great Again" and how to reboot their skills. Students mingled and made friendships that will last their lifetimes. After listening to a key note speaker, exchanging ideas with other students in swap shops and workshops, having a yummy lunch, and playing games, students returned home with fresh ideas to bring back to their school. D5 was truly American and a success!

## DISTRICT 6 - Crescent High School

Matthew Fortner- Chair Alexis Holman - Vice Chair Amanda Pinson- Advisor
Happy Feet of Leadership

"Make sure your feet are in the right place, then stand firm." D6 rally was one for the books. Students heard from keynote speaker Todderick Verdell and his story of perseverance in leadership, as well as attended student lead workshops learning new ideas for their school. "Happy Feet of Leadership" was held at the Crescent High School agricultural arena located in Iva, SC. The arena allowed for students $t$ not only to enjoy the outdoors but also have plenty of space for networking and developing relationships. Advisors were able to see students as they rotated workshops and participated in events at the D6 rally. We had over 400 in attendance and students from third to twelfth grades. Crescent High School and Anderson School District Three would like to express our thanks for all that attended. It was an honor to host the D6 rally and we hope to see you all back in the future!
---Matthew Fortner
If you attended a district rally and still need recertification points, contact Bonita Guram at scascguram@gmail.

## 2018 STATE CONVENTION

## Easley High School, Easley, SC

* March 16-18, 2018
* Friday 4:30 pm- Sunday 12:30 pm
* Cost - \$ 100 per delegate (students and advisors)
* Theme: Full House of Leadership

State Conference will be held March 16-18, 2018 at Easley High School in Easley, SC. The theme is Full House of Leadership, based on the popular television show from the 90s. There will be lots of neon and character references throughout the conference.

Registration will be $\$ 100 /$ attendee. This includes all activities, meals, snacks, and a t-shirt. Registration will open January 1, 2018. Each school may bring 12 delegates with additional spots being given for those running for office.

We will offer homestays to as many students as we can house,
 but in reality, this will not be everyone. Homestays will more than likely be limited to 20 schools or fewer. This will be based on who registers first. We have contacted the Hampton Inn, located behind Outback with easy access to Hwy 123 and Hwy 153. Their room rates are $\$ 120 /$ night. The Beaumont is located in Easley, behind Applebees, on Hwy 123 and is closer to $\$ 100 /$ night. There are other nice hotels in Powdersville which is close to our school and Greenville is 20 minutes away.

As always, Saturday evening will end with a dance. We would like this to be 90s themed, so please ask your council to be thinking of their best 90s outfit.

The Upstate offers many great opportunities for pre-conference outings with your council, if you choose to do this. Table Rock State Park offers great hiking trails for all ability levels. It is a beautiful spot to spend an afternoon whatever the season. The Doodle Trail is a great biking, running, walking trail that connects Easley \& nearby Pickens. Bikes may be rented in Downtown Easley. Every spring, Easley hosts the Senior League World Series at the JB Red Owens Complex. It makes a great place to explore, picnic, and spend an afternoon. Clemson University is just down the road and is a great spot to explore with its botanical gardens, multiple sport stadiums, and beautiful college campus. (Clemson Baseball will play NC State Sunday, March 18th at 1 p.m. if you'd like to take your council as a post-conference activity). Downtown Greenville is beautiful with the Liberty Bridge and Falls Park. Scavenger Hunts are ready made in Easley, Pickens, and Downtown Greenville as each town hosts small bronze statues that can be located by using a list of clues. Grab an ice cream at Joe's Ice Cream Parlor and walk around our beautiful downtown area.

Please mark your calendars and join us in Easley March 16-18, 2018!

## RUNNING FOR SCASC OFFICE:

If you have a student interested in running for a state or district office, please do the following:

1. The advisor and the student candidate should go to the website, thegavel.org, and carefully read the guidelines for the position you plan to apply. Make sure the candidate can commit to the responsibilities for that position.
2. The advisor must then email Bonita Guram, after January 1, 2018, at scascguram@gmail.com to request an election application.
3. Applications must be submitted online and signature page emailed by February 21, 2018.
4. Reminder: Any student running for office must have already attended summer camp.
5. Please, no campaigning until after the candidate gets approval and has read the election regulations.
6. Advisors will need to supervise and approve the appropriateness of campaigning, skits, and speeches.


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## Alone we can do so liftle;

 together we can do so much. Helen Keller

Nelson Mandela

Administrator \& Advisor of the Year:
Thanks you for submitting applications for advisor of the year. The winners have been selected and notified. The administrator of the year selection is in process and will be decided soon. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at the state convention.

## Terry McCoy Hall of Fame:

Nominate one outstanding leader from your student council. Application must be made online.
Application Deadline March 1, 2018
Link for Application:
https://goo.gl/forms/PIZdGSS1VPCGskyY2

## Honor Council:

Applications for Honor Council are available and must be completed online. Copy and paste write ups for projects. You must tally and give total points for each section and for the final score.
Application Deadline February 15, 2018.

## Links for application:

For High School Honor Council https://goo.gl/forms/L5Cb2YPYPsN9Pvgl1
For Middle/Jr. High Honor Council
https://goo.gl/forms/73oixTmeNJtb9ah92

## Project Awards:

1. Projects will be judged by school classification. (Middle School) (1A, 2A, 3A) (4A, 5A)
2. Projects categories include: Community service, Leadership activities, Recognition, Recreational activities, School service, School pride, School spirit, Fundraising, Video Project
3. Current student council advisors will be judging projects (If you attend the state convention you may be called to be a project judge.)
4. The project form is completed as a one page submission.
5. Projects should be turned in during registration at the state convention.
6. A copy of the project details and project forms will be attached to this newsletter.
7. Project information will be available on the website.

## Scrapbook Award: Look for the scrapbook project rubric.

1. Scrapbooks will be judged using the school classifications: (Middle/Jr. High), (1A, 2A, 3A), (4A), (5A)
2. Former student council advisors will be called in to judge scrapbooks.
3. Scrapbooks should be turned in during registration at the state convention.
4. A copy of the scrapbook project rubric will be attached at the end of this newsletter.
5. Scrapbook Award information will be available on the website.


## Leadership Activity

## "Stand by your Quote"

Author: Tom Siebold is a writer and consultant in Minneapolis. He is also co-owner of Collegegrazing.com--a site to help college bound teens to learn more about what they need and want in a college.

Objective (s): To introduce leadership discussion and awareness

How the author has used this exercise: A good facilitator has to get the participant "juices" flowing before discussion begins. This exercise introduces the topic of leadership and encourages each participant to make a personal statement about his or her understanding of what makes a good leader. I like the exercise because it gets the participants out of their chairs and on their feet.

Activity Description: Place thoughtful leadership quotes on the walls--leave plenty of room between the quotes and make certain the the print is large. It works best if the quotes touch on different aspects of leadership; in short, have a variety of different quotes.

Ask the participants to leave their chairs and walk around the room reading each of the quotes (there is no particular order). Then have them stand by one quote that resonates well with their personal views on what makes a good leader. When all participants have selected a quote (you can have more than one person by a quote), have each explain to the group why his or her chosen quote is important to them--share a leadership insight.

The facilitator can write key ideas or words on the white board. These can launch further discussion questions or serve as a "bridge" to additional leadership content.

Options: This activity is adjustable to almost any professional development topic; you simply select quotes that fit your topic.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP
July 15-19
Cherry Grove, Myrtle Beach, SC cost $\$ 260$ Online registration opens April 1

## Quotes for Students

## LEADERSHIP IS NOT A TITLE. IT IS A BEHAVIOR. LIVE IT.

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## SCASC MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues for 2017-18 run from September 1, 2017 through August 2018. See more membership information on our website, thegavel.org.
(Members who have joined or renewed should have already received membership certificates.)

The link for membership registration is https://goo.gl/forms/Ry6K5tYhIcr1yQdj2

## SASC Conference News

South Carolina represented well at the Southern Association of Student Councils Conference this past October in Ocoee, Florida. The theme of the conference was "Leadership, Inc." and more than 150 SCASC delegates and advisors attended. The delegates attended workshops, listened to keynote speakers, Judson Laipply, Mike Smith and Kyle Scheele, and even learned a history of dance routine. The schools represented at the conference include Cane Bay High, Crescent High, Laurens District 55 High, Airport High, Westwood High, Blythewood High, Richland Northeast High, Ridge View High, Chapin High, Easley High, Clover High, Wando High, and Wade Hampton High.

South Carolina schools represented well during the conference. Wade Hampton High School was elected SASC secretary. Two South Carolina schools presented workshops. Several SC advisors served as project judges and South Carolina schools won awards in many project categories. Matthew Fortner from Crescent High School was awarded the highest honor for a SASC student, and Jami Reese Darling, from Laurens District 55 High School received an SASC prestigious scholarship. We are so proud of the work our student councils do and are delighted these students and schools were recognized at the conference. See the list of winners below.

Remember that the Southern Conference will be at Cane Bay High School in Summerville, SC in October, 2018. We look forward to supporting Cane Bay High as host for this conference in South Carolina! Advisors and students should go ahead and start making plans to attend and participate.

SASC Award Winners

## Blythewood High School

Print Media - "Blythewood Bound" (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Place)
Homecoming - " Homecoming Spirit Week 2017" (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Place)
School-Family Relations - "Spread The Love" (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Place)
School Spirit - "Freshmen First" (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Place)
Cane Bay High School
Speech Contest ( $1^{\text {st }}$ Runner up) - Leea Briones

## Crescent High School

School spirit- "Teacher Adoptions" ( $1^{\text {st }}$ place)
School-family relations- "District Teacher Rally" (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Place)
Print media- "CHS Newsletter" (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Place)
Membership motivation and development- "CHS Summer Camp" (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Place)
The senior division member of the year- Matthew Fortner
Laurens District 55 High School
Student Support for "Week for Williams" (1st Place)
SASC Outstanding Leadership scholarships - Jami Reese Darling

## Wade Hampton High School

Community Service Fundraising for "Love to the Rescue" (1st Place)
Citizenship and Patriotism for "Teacher Incentive to Vote" (1st Place)
Technology for "Back to School Hype Video" (3rd Place)

## Westwood High

School Relations for "Tireless Teacher" (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Place)
Community Service Fundraising "Slime Chain" (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Place)
Community Service Outreach "Adopt a Senior Citizen" ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ Place)

## Entry Instructions

Purpose: In order to meet several worthy objectives, the South Carolina Association of Student Councils sponsors a comprehensive awards program for its member schools on an annual basis.

Objectives: To provide lasting incentives for councils to strive toward excellence in programming throughout the year. To emphasize areas of concern to councils in the region and to suggest programs in pursuit of solutions to problems within those common areas.
To recognize and reward councils as well as individuals who achieve excellence in execution of relevant student council programs.

Awards: In pursuit of the objectives listed above, awards program entries are brought or sent to the SCASC Conference by member schools for judging.

## Contest Entry Rules:

1. Entries in the SCASC Awards Program are to be brought or sent to the annual conference and submitted prior to the end of registration on the first day of the conference. (Member schools not attending the conference may send projects to the conference school.)
2. A school may enter up to three (3) priority areas of the Project Competition.

No more than ONE project may be entered per category; the same project may NOT be entered in more than ONE category. Projects are eligible only if they were completed since the previous year's convention and if the same project has not won in either of the two previous years in that category. If your council wishes to include pictures as part of the explanation of your project entry, pictures may be scanned or securely attached onto the entry form. The entry is still limited to the space allotted on the form with the pictures in that space.
3. Entries MUST be submitted on official entry forms. These forms can be downloaded from the SCASC website at www.thegavel.org.
4. A Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award will be awarded to schools in each category. (Middle) ( $1 \mathrm{~A}, 2 \mathrm{~A}, 3 \mathrm{~A}$ ) ( $4 \mathrm{~A}, 5 \mathrm{~A}$ ) Please read the instructions carefully and completely. Use only the forms provided. Using forms associated with awards programs from previous years may result in disqualification of your entries. Projects will be judged by current advisors. Advisors will not judge projects in a category they have entered.
5. Any entry not prepared according to the rules will be disqualified. The decision of the judges is final. All awards will be presented at the annual state convention.

## Judging:

Judging of the Awards Competition will take place at the SCASC Convention each year. Any school submitting an entry may be asked to provide an advisor to judge.

## Priority Areas for Outstanding Projects

Community service: projects such as blood drives, charity drives, voter education or voter registration
Leadership activities: projects related to the training of council and the development of leadership.
Recognition: projects such as scholarships, awards, special recognitions, awards dinners/breakfasts
Recreational activities: projects related to school enjoyment
School service: projects that benefit the school and the entire student body/faculty/staff including campus beautification, purchase of equipment, handbooks, career seminars, college days, etc.
School pride: projects relating to pride in the school
School spirit: projects relating to spirit in the school
Fundraising: (other than community projects)(Project must be done by student council, not an outside agency) Video Project: video of a project in one of the previous categories (no more than four minutes)

## South Carolina Association of Student Councils 2018 Official Project Entry Form

Priority Areas
The school entering the project must decide in which priority area this entry will be judged. Indicate the chosen category by marking the appropriate box below. For clarification, refer to the Awards Program Entry Instructions. Remember you are limited to one entry in each of three categories.
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Submitting School Information
Name of School $\qquad$
Name of Project $\qquad$
Project Chairperson $\qquad$
Date(s) of Project $\qquad$
Specific Goal(s) of the Project:

## On a separate sheet of paper give a detailed description of the project.

You are limited to the one page. You may include pictures, but they must be part of the one page report on the separate page.

## The Scrapbook RUBRIC

Year $\qquad$
SCHOOL $\qquad$
TOTAL POINTS $\qquad$

Award Points as Follows:
$3=$ Outstanding $\quad 2=$ Average $\quad 1=$ basic, meets requirement $\quad 0=$ does not meet requirement

1. Any two page layout must be front and back or side to side. Pick either format and use consistently throughout.
2. Projects per category: No more than 6 projects
3. Cases are NOT judged and are not required.
4. Scrapbook FRONT COVER cannot be more than 4 inches high
5. A PROJECT CAN ONLY BE INCLUDED IN ONE CATEGORY
6. Since this is a Student Council Scrapbook, include only projects that are planned and executed by Student Council.

|  | \#PTS | POINTS AWARDED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COVER | 10 | Total: |
| Size, no larger than $13 \times 15$, front cover no taller than 4 inches | 3 |  |
| Reflects creativity - theme | 3 |  |
| Nothing written on inside back of cover | 1 |  |
| Durability | 3 |  |
| THEME | 5 | TOTAL |
| $1^{\text {sT }}$ printed page must clearly state school name and category | 1 |  |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ printed page is theme page | 1 |  |
| Theme is reflected throughout the scrapbook | 3 |  |
| MEMBERSHIP | 5 | TOTAL |
| Divider Page | 1 |  |
| Verified membership in SCASC, SASC, NASC (1 pt each) | 3 |  |
| No more than two pages per each membership | 1 |  |
| STUDENT COUNCIL | 17 | Total: |
| Divider | 1 |  |
| Officers | 3 |  |
| Members | 3 |  |
| Committees | 3 |  |
| Advisor(s) | 3 |  |
| No more than two pages per group | 1 |  |
| Write up and major heading for each group | 3 |  |


| PROJECTS | 1 | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Project Divider Page | 1 |  |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE | 11 | TOTAL |
| Divider Page | 1 |  |
| No more than two pages per CS project | 1 |  |
| Projects for Community Service | 3 |  |
| Quality of Projects | 3 |  |
| Write up and major heading for each CS project | 3 |  |
| LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES | 11 | TOTAL |
| Divider Page | 1 |  |
| No more than two pages per LA project | 1 |  |
| Projects for Leadership Activities | 3 |  |
| Quality of Projects | 3 |  |
| Write up and major heading for each LA project | 3 |  |
| RECOGNITION PROJECTS | 11 | TOTAL |
| Divider Page | 1 |  |
| No more than two pages per RP project | 1 |  |
| Projects for Recognition projects | 3 |  |
| Quality of Projects | 3 |  |
| Write up and major heading for each RP project | 3 |  |
| RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES | 11 | TOTAL |
| Divider Page | 1 |  |
| No more than two pages per RA project | 1 |  |
| Projects for Recreational Activities | 3 |  |
| Quality of Projects | 3 |  |
| Write up and major heading for each RA project | 3 |  |


| SCHOOL SERVICE | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | TOTAL |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Divider Page | 1 |  |
| No more than two pages per SS <br> project | 1 |  |
| Projects for School Service | 3 |  |
| Quality of Projects | 3 |  |
| Write up and major heading for <br> each SS project | 3 |  |
| SCHOOL PRIDE/SPIRIT | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | TOTAL |
| Divider Page | 1 |  |
| No more than two pages per SP/SS <br> project | 1 |  |
| Projects for School Pride and/or <br> Spirit | 3 |  |
| Quality of Projects | 3 |  |
| Write up and major heading for <br> each SP/SS project | 3 |  |
| TECHNICALITY | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | TOTAL |
| Any two page layouts must be on <br> the front and back of the page or <br> side to side | 1 |  |
| Divider pages in order | 1 |  |
| Table of Contents w/pages <br> numbered | 1 |  |
| Pages are numbered | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |  |
| Conclusion/Reflection page at end | 1 | TOTAL |
| No grammatical errors | 10 |  |
| GENERAL | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | TOTAL |
| Neatness | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |  |
| Overall Impression | Quality of Projects | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| TOTAL POINTS | $\mathbf{1}$ |  |

